

Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant to the DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT: Special Request from Chairman Task Force #16

1. This is in answer to your request of yesterday.

2. As you explained to me on the telephone this morning you are interested, at this time, in only the advantages that would result if the consultant's recommendation were carried out. The submission of advantages does not of necessity preclude a comparison at a later date with the resultant disadvantages in order to eventually arrive at a logical conclusion.

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3. If FDD were transferred from [REDACTED] to OCR the following advantages would accrue to OCR:

(a) A greater supply of linguistic services would be in OCR to index foreign language materials;

(b) A greater supply of linguistic facilities would be in OCR for the production of lexicographical and similar reference materials from foreign language sources;

(c) The Documents Exploitation Index would be physically located in OCR.

(d) Provided present morale could be maintained in FDD, the transfer to OCR would increase OCR's prestige with analysts throughout the Agency. See page 107 of the Consultant's Report wherein they state that it would be well if the spirit of service and mutual confidence that exists between FDD and analysts could be attained in OCR.

4. The principle of central reference services appears sound. However, it should not be regarded as the overriding factor in organizational planning for it can be achieved in different ways and there are other factors that must be considered.

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/s/

Chief
Planning & Coordination Staff, OO